Production of Steel Sheet in Salem Plant in Tamil Nadu

2215. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total production of steel sheets in Salem Plant in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether the centre is hesitant to convert to steel rolling in Salem to pucca steel manufacturing company;

(c) what is the total number of labourers employed in Salem Steel;

(d) whether there are residential quarters for the labourers; and

(e) if not, whether Government would be considering the proposal for providing shelter to these labourers in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The production of cold rolled stainless steel sheets|coils during the period April to November, 1993 was 32,220 tonnes;

(b) Salem Steel Plant was initially set up with a capacity to produce 32,000 tonnes per annum of cold rolled stainless steel sheets. With the commissioning of the second cold rolling mill in March, 1991 at a total cost of Rs. 76.27 crores, the capacity was increased to 70,000 tonnes. As a further step in backward integration, establishment of Hot Rolling facilities was sanctioned in April, 1991. This project is scheduled to be completed in 48 months i.e. by April, 1995.

Production from the facilities existing and now being installed at Salem Steel Plant will have to get stabilised before the next stage of plant development is taken up.

(c) The number of employees in SSP as on 30.11.1993 was 1386 of which 274 were Executives and 111 were non-executives.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Export of Steel by SAIL

2216. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has signed Memorandum of Understanding with the Central Government in the year 1993-94;

(b) whether the targets of Saleable Steel|Stainless Steel, set for export during 1993-94 achieved indicating whether the same were more or less as compared to figures of corresponding year 1992-93 and also indicating whether any fresh orders were booked for export of saleable steel by SAIL, so far; and

(c) whether the Central Government have chalked out an ambitious plan to modernise SAIL Units; if so the total amount allocated in crore (Plant-wise) and spent so far in respect of each unit and with what outcome|progress made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The targets for exports of Saleable Steel and Stainless Steel in the year 1993-94 are 350,000 tonnes and 7000 tonnes respectively. This represents a 28 per cent growth over actual exports of Saleable Steel and Stainless Steel in 1992-93 which were 269,000 tonnes and 5,500 tonnes respectively.

During the current financial year upto November, 1993 SAIL has exported 464,000 tonnes of Saleable Steel. In addition, 196,000 tonnes of